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Councillor Adam Vaughan 魏德方

Toronto City Council
Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20

March 8, 2010

Chair and Members
Toronto and East York Community Council

Dear Chair and Members:

NOTICE OF MOTION

TEYCC: Re-Naming of Cecil Street Parkette to Julius Deutsch Park

SUMMARY:

Julius Deutsch, a dedicated leader and well-respected champion of many progressive causes in our city died on February 5, 2010.

Leaving the memorial for Julius that was held at the Steelworkers Hall on Cecil Street, a small green spot on the street outside caught my eye and my imagination. Julius's spirit and commitment to social justice deserves to live on and be noted in a permanent way.

There is a park located at the corner of Cecil Street and Huron in Ward 20. It is a small strip park that runs along Cecil towards and across from the Steelworkers Hall. The park sits in front of a Toronto Hydro sub-station and is on the same street as an old synagogue, a Polish Combatants Hall, and homes that have provided offices for many of the this city's most progressive social movements.

This year the park will be re-built and new adult exercise equipment is being installed to create a green space in the neighbourhood where folks can work-out. It currently is called the Cecil Street Parkette. It's named for the street for no particular reason.

The composition of the site speaks to many facets of Julius' life, and a plaque that tells his story and his contribution to Toronto's story would be appropriate and a welcome part of the naming honour.



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RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that Toronto and East York Community Council:

1. Direct the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the Toronto and East York Community Council on renaming Cecil Street Parkette as Julius Deutsch Park.

Your consideration is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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